

had five children. Mrs. Halbeisen frequently volunteered at the Hayes Research Library where she worked as a genealogist for many years. Her dedication and volunteerism were always commended by her neighbors and friends.

Shirley's love for her friends and family, dedication to her work and education, and commitment to the Hayes Research Library, all highlight a few of the qualities we all love and will miss most. She is survived by her five children Rynda, Veda, Renee, Brock, and Cana; her brother Tomas; her twelve grandchildren; and her ten great-grandchildren. Shirley was a beloved part of our community, and she will be deeply missed.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTIAN R.
LONG

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Christian R. Long.

Unfortunately, but fittingly, Mr. Long passed away over the Memorial Day weekend, our solemn holiday for remembrance and recognition of the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Mr. Long saw front-line service in Europe with the 44th Infantry Division during World War II. Raised in Lebanon County, which is home to many people of Pennsylvania German (Dutch) ancestry, Mr. Long was also assigned as a German-language interpreter. What could be more Pennsylvanian?

After the war, he was determined to learn a trade. He worked as a carpenter for over 40 years building and renovating homes and other properties for Carlos Adams in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Long, who was known as "Christ" (pronounced "Krist"), was a lifetime member of The American Legion. He enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, and trapping. His carpentry skills and love of the outdoors enabled him and his sons to buy land and build a hunting cabin, primarily using recycled building materials, in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. He also built his own home, as well as constructed and renovated residences, decks and boat docks for his children.

Born on March 12, 1924 in Harpers, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Christian Adam Long, Sr. and Mary Hoover Long. He grew up in Lawn, Pennsylvania. Mr. Long was a devoted father and husband; he and Pearl Weaver Long of Palmyra were married April 27, 1947 and she preceded him in death on January 14, 1995. They reared their family in Campbelltown, Pennsylvania. He is survived by four children, seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and five great step grandchildren.

Ronald Reagan aptly recognized in his first inaugural address that, "Those who say that we're in a time when there are not heroes, they just don't know where to look." Mr. Long was one of those everyday heroes who made our country the great nation it is today.

STRENGTHENING FISHING COMMUNITIES AND INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1335) to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes:

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Chair, I rise today deeply disappointed that the Magnuson-Stevens reauthorization before us does not follow in its long-held tradition of thoughtful bipartisanship.

The bill before us would roll back protections our citizens enjoy under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and the Antiquities Act. This bill would remove requirements that prevent overfishing, thereby preventing us from enjoying the benefits of healthy fisheries. We cannot simply wish for more fish in the ocean, we must create the conditions that make it possible.

Magnuson should promote innovation and responsible flexibility, while ensuring we have the resources to obtain the best data possible to make informed decisions about one of our most precious economic and food resources—our fisheries.

This is the kind of flexibility my bill, the Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act, would provide. My bill would create two new spots for Rhode Island on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

Rhode Island lands more Mid-Atlantic-regulated species than any other state in the Mid-Atlantic region besides New Jersey. Our circumstance parallels that of Florida and North Carolina, which each have voting membership on two different fishery management councils.

The decisions of the Mid-Atlantic Council directly affect the success of Rhode Island's fishing industry and the ability of our fishermen to maintain their businesses, and they deserve a say in how those resources are managed.

We all believe that Magnuson can be improved. The last Magnuson reauthorization was a bipartisan and widely supported bill. I am sorry to say that this bill does not follow the same path, and it is not a bill I can support.

I look forward to working with Mr. GRIJALVA and my Republican colleagues on a bipartisan product which includes provisions our fishermen need and support, like H.R. 2541, the Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act.

HONORING MSGT. JERIS DAVIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I stand to honor a public servant in the field of law enforcement, MSgt. Jeris Davis. Mr. Davis is from Shaw, MS.

There are many capacities in which one can be a public servant, each one requiring certain talent and passion for the position. Environment plays a big role in preparing people for their destiny. MSgt. Davis' family and home environment was that of a middle class working family. His father, Warren Davis, worked at Dixie Tobacco and Candy Company in Shaw for over 40 years. His mother, Ruth Davis had two jobs: she was employed with the Shaw Sewing Factory and Lewis Grocery Warehouse in Indianola for over 30 years.

MSgt. Davis had influence all around him: His grandmother, Mattie Davis; aunts: Judy Freeman and Mildred Johnson; and several of his uncles, all were important role models. Warren Davis, his father, and his uncle, Frank Freeman, were members of the Shaw Volunteer Fire Department. At the age of 12, while still in elementary school, they would take him to the fire department with them on weekends, which was his reward for good grades and good behavior. Those visits to the fire department, watching his dad and uncle, and community men work around the fire, created a desire in him to do the same.

MSgt. Davis continued this for years, volunteering to clean the equipment, listening to the firemen talk, learning how to operate the equipment, and developing the skills of a fireman. In fact, many people actually thought he was a fireman for the city, because he would be at all the fires (e.g., spraying water, pulling down equipment, always asking the firemen to let him go into the fire and rescue someone). Those opportunities fueled his desire, even more, to help and serve the public, especially in Shaw.

MSgt. Davis graduated from Shaw High School and went on to join many organizations and clubs that focused on some role of public service. Through this he was able to develop more skills and leadership ability, all the time preparing him for a career in public service.

MSgt. Davis held down two jobs, and eventually, became a member of the Shaw Volunteer Fire Department and a dispatcher for the Shaw Police Department. From there in 1992 he became an equipment operator for the Mississippi State Highway Department, while continuing his role as a member of the fire department. The year 1998 was the beginning of MSgt. Davis' career as a professional in law enforcement. His resume of experience and accomplishments include:

1998 Year: Completion of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy, 1998 Year: Police Officer, City of Shaw Police Department, 1992 Year: Highway Officer for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), 2000 Year: MDOT Honor Guard Officer representing Fallen Law Enforcement Officers in Washington, DC, 2001 Year: Completion of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics Training Academy, 2003 Year: Completion of the Mississippi Highway Patrol Cadet School, 2009 Year: US Marshal Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Taskforce, Oxford, MS, created by Congress, and 2013 Year: Completion of the Mississippi Certified Investigators Program, Pearl, MS.

MSgt. Davis has recently been promoted to Master Sergeant within the Mississippi Highway Patrol. In this capacity he is assigned to the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation as an investigator. MSgt. Davis is often assigned to special assignments because of the various